

I farmed the land.
I tramped the wood,
These are the things I understood.

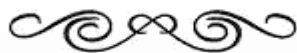
No grand schemes, they passed me by.
I knew the brook, the hills, the sky.

To hunt a bird, to wet a line,
Gifts from God, so good and fine.

Friend and kin, I LOVED THEM SO;
Although I'm gone, I'm sure they know,

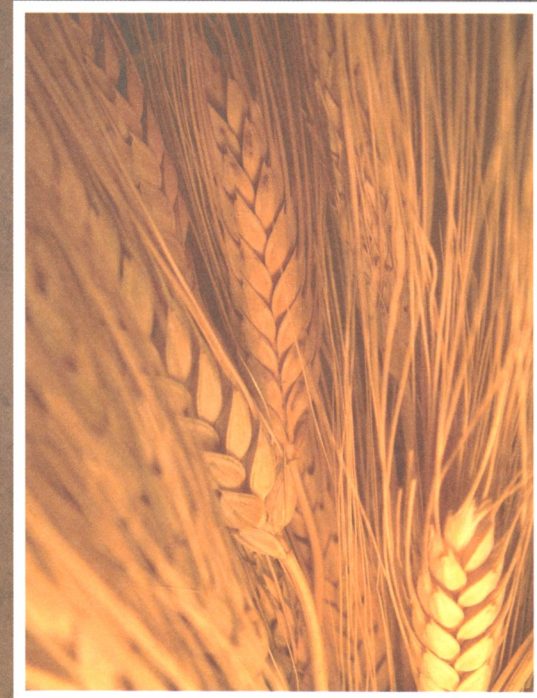
I'm now at peace, life's battle done,
I've faced the foe and *I have won.*

- By: Earl Smithson



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Robert “Bob” Tennis, age 77, of Conde, SD, died on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

Robert Louis Tennis was born October 15, 1946 to parents Louis and Shirley (Nash) Tennis in Aberdeen, SD. He grew up on the family farm near Conde and attended Conde Schools graduating in 1964. While in high school, he was active in football and basketball. He received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Huron College in Huron, SD where he also played football for the Huron College Tribe. He later obtained his Masters in School Administration from Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD.

Bob was a teacher, football and basketball coach, athletic director and principal for Wilmot Schools for thirty-three years. During those years, he made many friends and touched many students’ lives. He retired in 2001 and moved back to the family farm near Conde where he raised cattle and various crops. Bob enjoyed hunting and fishing but mainly tending to the farm, whether it was helping out or just driving around checking the crops.

He was a lifelong member of the St. John and St. Joseph Catholic Churches and a member of the St. John’s Cemetery Board.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Louis and Shirley, a sister in infancy, and a son, Eric Tennis.

Grateful for having shared in his life are his sons, Todd (Amy) Tennis of Clarkfield, MN, and Sean (Laurie) Tennis of Watertown, grandchildren, Tiffany (Bryan) Chavira, Whitney (Stephen) Winger, Sierra and Katie Tennis and great granddaughter, Sienna Chavira.



*Please join the family for lunch and a time of fellowship
in the church fellowship hall prior to the burial.*



Celebrating the Life of Robert “Bob” Tennis



Mass of Christian Burial

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Turton, South Dakota
Friday, May 17, 2024
10:30 AM

Celebrant

Reverend Greg Tschakert

Gift Bearers

Bob’s Granddaughters

Music

Heidi Williams
Rory Troske—Vocalist
Turton Choir

Casketbearers

Larry Hearnen	Bill Haywood	Dennis Holmquist
Dale Schultz	Harvey Remily	Cary Bruckner

Honorary Casketbearers

Larry Warren, Deb May, Bud Remund, Darwin Peckham,
Louia Howard Tennis, Pat Pomeroy and Chris Pomeroy

Interment

St. John’s Cemetery
Conde, South Dakota



*The family of Bob Tennis thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.*